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***Ex-Parte***

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington DC 20554

**Re:** *Section 272(b) (1)'s "Operate Independently" Requirement for Section 272 Affiliates,  
WC Docket No. 03-228*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

SBC hereby files on the record in the above captioned proceeding the following:

In accordance with section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed in the above referenced proceeding via the Commission's ECFS system. Should you have any questions regarding the attached, please do not hesitate to contact me by whatever means are most convenient for you.

- SBC's Petition for Forbearance and Modification (CC 96-141) filed on 6/5/03;
- SBC's Reply Comments in Support of Petition for Forbearance and Modification (CC 96-141) filed on 7/15/03;
- SBC's Ex Parte (CC 96-149 and 98-141) filed on August 28, 2003;

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brett A. Kissel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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